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The IRIS GARDEN

1941

MERRIAM
KANSAS

1941

Gardening Days

These are the times that make gardeners feel that only gardening keeps them wholly sane. And, thanks to a capricious beginning to winter, there is plenty gardening for all throughout the middle west. We have lost five big trees in our south yard alone this winter. And naturally a good many shrubs and perennials. But the iris loss is amazingly small.

Indispensable Whites and Yellows

The iris loss that will show up most is in the whites and yellows so necessary for a complete picture. Unfortunately most of the finest of these are tender or partly tender. For years I suspected Easter Morn and for years it came up smiling. So I was about to say "completely hardy here" and then the Armistice Day freeze carried away most of my stock. Sweet Alibi also nearly perished. Snow King must be moved from the hardy into the semi-tender category. Of the new whites Matterhorn seems entirely hardy. So, of course, are Venus di Milo and Crystal Beauty though not so new.

Of the newer yellows, I have now two plants left of my stock of Lady Paramount and some California customer is due for a grand extra. Happy Days, Ming Yellow, Golden Treasure, Dore and Naranja seem to be partly tender while California Gold, Jasmania, Sunburst seem entirely hardy. My one plant of Spungold seems entirely hardy but of course one cannot judge from one plant.

Contributing Circumstances

The above judgments are in all cases made from several plantings of all varieties mentioned. Of course plants that are entirely hardy may be lost in winter if the cover is too heavy at a certain spot or if the plant is heaved up, etc., etc. But if a variety consistently dies out in different locations, it is fair to say that it is at least partly tender.

Other Colors

The only absolutely tender variety, of colors other than white and yellow, seems to be Pale Moonlight. Shining Waters, Missouri and Amigo seemed to be semi-tender. A surprise was the number of reds that proved semi-tender. Junaluska, Cheerio, Garden Magic and E. B. Williamson all developed unsuspected weakness of resistance. Of course by far the majority of blues, purples and red and pinks were absolutely hardy.

Promise of Much Bloom

Because of these faithfuls the garden promises to be filled with bloom. Besides the sweep of bloom upon which we have come to depend there will be the detail interest of a few blooms each on about thirty-five or forty new varieties. All of you who can come to the garden are cordially invited here about May 20th.

DOROTHY STONER

THE IRIS GARDEN

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MERRIAM, KANSAS

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ACACIA ROSE (H. P. Sass) Very large flowered medium pink; mid-season; short to medium height.....	3 for \$.25
AMBASSADOR (Vilm) Magnificent, deep bronze red; late; tall....	3 for	.25
AMBERA (H. P. Sass) Amber yellow with gold venation; large flower; medium height; early to midseason.....	3 for	.25
AMENTI (H. P. Sass) Fresh toned violet and grayish buff blend; the large flowers are well placed on a 36-inch stem; free blooming; midseason.		.25
AMIGO (Wmsn) Standards are light lavender violet and falls deep hyacinth paling to a narrow white margin; midseason; medium height		.90
ANGELUS (Egel) A creamy mauve pink blend of very heavy substance and Depute Nomblot form; midseason; tall.....		2.50
APACHE (Farr) Bright cherry red; always a color favorite; midseason; short	3 for	.25
APHRODITE (Dykes) Bright violet pink self with no veining and a blue flush at the center; ancestor of all the fine pink "selfs"; midseason; tall	3 for	.25
ASHTORETH (Beaudry) Soft, light yellow; large flower on a well branched stem; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
ASIA (Yeld) Silvery lavender flushed gold; fragrant; late; tall.....	3 for	.25
AT DAWNING (Kirk) Arbutus pink bicolor with crystalline standards and a golden heart; midseason; tall.....		.50
ATTYE EUGENIA (Snow) Ivory warmed by a bright gold beard; large flower of heavy texture; midseason; tall.....		.25
AUREX (Nic) Bright buff standards and dark red purple falls; medium height on a wiry stalk.....	3 for	.25
AUTUMN KING (H. P. Sass) Fine blue purple with many buds to the stem; very early spring bloom; fall bloom August or later.....	3 for	.25
AUTUMN QUEEN (H. P. Sass) White; almost everblooming when planted in quantity; spring bloom begins with the late dwarfs; very short....		.15
BALDWIN (H. P. Sass) Manganese Violet of enormous size and heavy substance; midseason; tall .....		.15
BALLERINE (Vilm) Wisteria blue bicolor of great size and very long blooming season; still one of the finest; tall.....	3 for	.25
BEAU IDEAL (J. Sass) Unique petunia bordered white; midseason; medium height	3 for	.25
BEAU SABREUR (Wmsn) Blended variegata with rosy tones in the tawny standards and glossy red falls; midseason; medium height.....		.15

April 16, 1941

"Last year I ordered twenty-four iris from you and planted them and they seemed to live and this winter they seemed to die, just a leaf now and then, but now, lady, they are gorgeous. I think every one is going to bloom; I practically live by their bed side.

"Will you please send me two new catalogs; one for my sister as she will borrow mine if I don't get her one. She bought her iris locally and mine are so much better than hers."

Mrs. J. L. S., Shreveport, La.

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BLACK WINGS (Kirk) Velvety, deep, blackish blue purple in Dominion form; intense fragrance; early to midseason; medium height.....	.15
BLUE BANNER (Kirk) Bright blue bicolor with lighter bordered falls; an easy grower; late; medium height.....	3 for .25
BLUE GOWN (Essig) Brilliant, dark purplish blue with bright gold beard; midseason; tall .....	.25
BLUE HILL (H. P. Sass) Light blue of clear tone and rounded form; free flowering; midseason; medium height.....	3 for .25

BEGINNER'S COLLECTION

20 Plants \$2.00

HAPPY DAYS

Joycette	Ethel Peckham	Pink Satin
Black Wings	President Pilkington	Blue Velvet
Imperial Blush	Venus di Milo	Evolution
Rose Dominion	October Opera	Edgewood
Noweta	Pink Opal	El Capitan
Springmaid	Blue Triumph	Los Angeles

SIERRA BLUE

BLUE RIBBON (Grinter) Brilliant dark purple bicolor; large flowered and well branched; parent of a Dykes medal winner; midseason; tall 3 for .....	.25
BLUE TRIUMPH (Grinter) Translucent, light blue of heavy substance and symmetrical form; midseason; tall.....	.25
BLUE VELVET (Loomis) Rich, dark blue purple self of heaviest substance; slow growing; midseason; tall.....	.25
BOADICEA (Nic) Ruffled blend of soft yellow, pink and light blue; very free flowering; midseason; tall.....	3 for .25
BRUNO (Bliss) Velvety, reddish bronze purple bicolor; midseason; medium height	3 for .25

April 12, 1941

"I was pleased with my iris I got of you last year and would like to have a new book if you have any."

Mrs. E. P. N., Wichita Falls, Texas.

April 12, 1941

"My iris ordered from you last year are doing nicely even though I put them out in Oklahoma City and moved them to northwest Oklahoma in September."

Mrs. E. F. S., Woodward, Okla.

MERRIAM, KANSAS

BUECHLEY'S GIANT (Buechley) Enormous blue bicolor of exceedingly heavy substance and sturdy stalks; magnificent when well grown; midseason; tall .....	.25
BURNING BRONZE (Ayres) Intensely alive shade of dark red bronze; graceful form and lively color; medium height; midseason.....	.50
BUTO (H. P. Sass) Very dark purple; does not sunfade as Gaudichau does but is shorter in the stem; early.....	.15
CAFE AU LAIT (Graham) Soft, creamy tan blend with orange and gold shadings; midseason; tall	2.50

DYKES COLLECTION

10 Plants \$1.75

Each a Dykes Medal Winner

Rosy Wings	Jean Cayeux
Coralie	Dauntless
Gudrun	San Francisco
Sierra Blue	Rameses
Depute Nomblot	Pluie d'Or

One each of the above with WABASH, 1940 Dykes Medal Winner,
\$3.00.

CALIFORNIA GOLD (Mit) Large flowered, brassy yellow with a tall strong stem to hold the very large flower; midseason.....	.25
CAMELIARD (Sturt) Large flowered blend of amber, wine and purple; midseason; tall	3 for .25
CAPT. COURAGEOUS (Row) Rose and smoky blend whose color carries well at a distance; late tall.....	3 for .25
CARDINAL (Bliss) Rich, reddish purple Dominion; midseason; medium height	3 for .25

May 30, 1940

"With Miss Hutchens I visited your garden last Saturday and the picture will never be forgotten. I believe that she has already sent you an order."

Miss R. T., Hallowell, Kansas.

June 6, 1940

"The iris I had from you last season nearly all bloomed. The season has been so unusually fine that the flowers were finer than ever and I have never seen such growth on first year plants."

W. A. H., Salina, Kansas.

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CITRONELLA (Bliss) Light gold; the falls splashed carmine; midseason; tall -----	3 for	.25
CITY OF LINCOLN (H. P. Sass) Bright golden standards and bright red falls in a large flower on a tall, well branched stem; not so very long ago this was thought an impossible goal; midseason; tall-----		3.50
CHALLENGER (J. Sass) Large flowered deep purple; a very early variety of Dominion quality; medium height-----	3 for	.25
CHEERIO (Ayres) The brightest possible; velvety red falls setting off standards of blended gold and rose; large, well balanced flowers; tall; midseason -----		.35
CHINA MAID (Milliken) Blended mallow pink with broad petals; probably tender; midseason; medium height-----		1.50
CHOSEN (White) Very tall sulphur yellow of exceptionally good form; tender; midseason -----		6.00
CLARA NOYES (H. P. Sass) Dazzling blend of apricot, orange, yellow and carmine; midseason; medium height-----		.15
CLAUDE AUREAU (Cay) Giant flowered dusky yellow and wine red variegata; midseason; medium height-----		.25
COPPER LUSTRE (Kirk) Large coppery blended flower with a finish of iridescent silk; Dykes medal; midseason; tall-----		.35
COPPER PIECE (Kellogg) Ruby red standards and copper red falls with burnished copper on the haft; midseason; medium height-----		1.25
COPPERSMITH (Shull) Light coppery red bicolor; large flowers; midseason; tall-----	3 for	.25
CORALIE (Ayres) Glowing rose and red bicolor; large flowers with very broad petals; Dykes medal; midseason; tall-----		.25
CORONATION (Moore) Golden yellow self of good size and heavy substance; splendid with King Tut and June Bride; midseason; late-----	3 for	.25
CORONET (D. Hall) Lustrous golden tan, lightly underlaid rose; well rounded blossoms on a deeply branched stalk; late; medium height		1.25
CORRIDA (Mil) Clear, light blue; floriferous; lovely with Dream and Parc du Neuilly; late; medium height-----	3 for	.25
CORTEZ (Nes) Honey yellow standards, edged rose, and dark crimson purple falls; midseason; tall-----		3.00
COSETTE (H. P. Sass) Hardy, free flowering white intermediate; very early; short -----	3 for	.25

May 26, 1940

"Would like to say a few words expressing my regards of the iris purchased from you. They are superb and very fragrant and have been admired by everyone who has viewed them."

J. R. L., Frederick, Maryland.

June 9, 1940

"Just a line to tell you how delighted I am with the iris I got from you two years ago and the ones I got last year. Pink Satin and Pink Opal both had blossom stalks and just set last year."

Miss W. D., Elgin, Neb.

MERRIAM, KANSAS

CROWN JEWELL (Nic) Bright orange and brown blend; a deeper Clara Noyes; midseason; short -----	.25
CROWN PRINCE (Klein) Brilliant gold and red brown bicolor; fine substance and distinctive carriage; midseason; tall-----	.25
CRYSORO (Nic) Brightest, richest orange yellow self; very early and very striking; short-----	3 for .25
CRYSTAL BEAUTY (J. Sass) Hardy alabaster white of good size and substance; well branched with symmetrical placement; midseason; tall -----	.25
DAUNTLESS (Con) Red with a brown undertone and very little purple in it; Dykes medal; midseason; tall-----	.25

DOLLAR COLLECTION

DAUNTLESS and twenty-four other fine varieties including red, pink and fragrant; all named and labelled and guaranteed true to name. The constituents of this collection will vary from time to time so I cannot tell you in advance what it will contain; but it is a very fine value at all times and an excellent choice for one who is just beginning an iris collection.

DEPUTE NOMBLOT (Cay) Bronze red with the most perfect form, placement and branching; an ideal show iris; Dykes medal; midseason; tall -----	.25
DERRILL HART (Glutz) Dubarry rose standards and velvety wine falls; exceptional charm; midseason; tall-----	4.00
DESTINY (Burgess) Sombre, dark plum purple with a rich, golden beard; late; tall -----	.50
DOLLY MADISON (Wmsn) Mauvette with a striking red gold beard; always a favorite and easy to place in the garden picture; early to midseason; tall -----	3 for .25
DOMINION (Bliss) The famous purple velvet ancestor of so many prize winners; midseason; medium height-----	.15
DORE (J. Sass) The falls are cream and the standards yellow; medium height; midseason -----	.35
DOROTHY DIETZ (Wmsn) Bluish white standards with rich pansy purple falls; parent of the 1940 Dykes medal winner; midseason; medium height -----	.15

May 2, 1940

"I would like to get a copy of your catalog this year as I would like to send an order to a company my friends so highly recommend."

Mrs. G. S., Pope Valley, Calif.

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DOXA (H. P. Sass) Curious blend of pale olive buff; very large flower of the heaviest substance; early; short.....	3 for	.25
DREAM (Sturt) Beautiful pink pallida; one of the best landscape varieties and at this price may be used lavishly; late; tall.....	3 for	.25
DR. C. H. MAYO (Fry) Fine pink self; earlier than Dream; midseason; tall	3 for	.25
DUKE OF BEDFORD (Bliss) Brilliant deep violet purple; late; medium height	3 for	.25
DUKE OF WINDSOR (And) Standards are copper bronze with delicately purple sheen and falls of velvety maroon; dome shaped flowers; midseason; tall		1.50
EASTER MORN (Essig) White of pure color and heavy substance; beautifully branched; tender; midseason; tall.....		.35
E. B. WILLIAMSON (P. Cook) Light coppery red of silky sheen; an improved Rosy Wings; a strong grower with a tall, low branched, sturdy stem; midseason		3.00
EDGEWOOD (Hall) Medium toned pink bicolor of high quality; a darker Frieda Mohr; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
EL CAPITAN (M-M) Huge flowered, medium blue of the heaviest substance; blooms last a day longer than most; midseason; tall.....		.15
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (H. P. Sass) Dark reddish violet; slightly fragrant; one of the finest of the fall bloomers; spring bloom very early; short	3 for	.25
ELIZABETH EGELBERG (Egel) Enormous mauve pink with gold throat and beard; not so refined in color as Frieda Mohr but a better bloomer and better branched; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
ELLA WINCHESTER (Grinter) Large, rich mahogany red self with a brown haft and no venation in the velvety red falls; midseason; medium height .....		.50
ELSINORE (Hall) Primrose yellow blended with and edged reddish purple; midseason; medium height.....	3 for	.25
EL TOVAR (H. P. Sass) Huge flowered, smoky, dark variegata blend; massive dome shaped standards and long, broad falls; late; tall..		.35
EROS (Mead) Clear, salmon pink blend with an undertone of yellow; midseason; tall .....		.25
ETHEL PECKHAM (Wmsn) Brilliant red in a large flower with arching standards and broad falls; late; tall.....		.25
ETHIOP QUEEN (Schreiner) Deepest black purple; like "black pansies"; midseason; medium height		5.00

May 16, 1940

"The iris I got from you the past five years are all blooming profusely."

Mrs. J. W., Maplewood, Mo.

May 13, 1940

"Ten of the eleven iris bought from you have bloomed."

R. L., Pine Bluff, Ark.

MERRIAM, KANSAS

EVOLUTION (Cay) Pale, coppery bronze blend; large flower with frilled standards and flaring falls; midseason; medium height.....	.15
EXCLUSIVE (Grant) Misty light blue flower of large size; midseason; tall.....	1.50
FAIR ELAINE (Mit) A true yellow bicolor with cream white standards and bright gold falls; midseason; tall.....	5.00
FAR WEST (Klein) Blend of salmon, golden sand, coral and henna with a yellow flush at the center; midseason; tall.....	.90
FOLKWANG (G & K) Light pink and deep rose bicolor; large flowered; midseason; medium height.....	3 for .25
FRANCHVILLE (Cay) Enormous fawnish lilac bicolor; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
FRIEDA MOHR (M-M) Most popular pinkish mauve bicolor; sensational for shape, size and substance; tall.....	3 for .25
FRIVOLITE (Cay) A shrimp rose blend; midseason; medium height.....	.25
GARDEN MAGIC (Grinter) Enormous flowered, velvety red bicolor; about the same shade as Shirvan's falls; midseason; tall.....	5.00
GEORGE J. TRIBOLET (Wmsn) Velvety, blackish purple; vigorous grower; late; medium height.....	3 for .25
GERMAINE PERTHUIS (Mil) Velvety mulberry purple; very fragrant; midseason; tall	3 for .25
GILEAD (And) Buffy amber blend; broad, large flowers, of heavy substance, well placed on wide branching stems; early; tall.....	3 for .25
GLOWING EMBERS (Sturt) S. fawn, flushed violet; F. glowing red netted yellow; midseason; tall.....	3 for .25
GOBELIN RED (Dan) Oxblood red in effect; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
GOLD IMPERIAL (Sturt) Beautiful chrome yellow; fine for landscape; midseason; medium height.....	3 for .25
GOLDEN BOW (H. P. Sass) Long, large flowers of chrome yellow; very early; short .....	.15
GOLDEN FLARE (Ins) Flame and yellow blend; a bit more orange than the Talisman rose; midseason; medium height.....	.15
GOLDEN GLOW (Glutz) A new yellow described by Mrs. Blake as "startling in its beauty;" midseason; tall.....	5.00
GOLDEN MAJESTY (Salb) Another yellow sensation; the finest of the new dark yellows; Mr. Gage says "has about everything and is my conception of an almost perfect deep toned yellow iris"; midseason; tall	8.00

May 9, 1941

"I am going to get a few new iris this season; yours have done so well for me in the past I want to get them from you."

Mrs. D. P. F., Madison, Ga.

July 13, 1940

"The irises have just come in fine condition and I want to thank you for the Naramja though I don't deserve it. It will be a real addition to my planting."

Mrs. A. H. S., Hinsdale, Ill.

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GOLDEN TREASURE (Schreiner) Lovely cream iris with a golden beard and a golden glow throughout; excellent substance and form; a well branched stem rising to a harmonious height; one of the most popular of the new irises; runner-up for the 1940 Dykes medal; midseason; tall	1.50
GRACE LAPHAM (Lap) Lively pink iris of neatly rounded shape; mid-season; medium height.....	.35
GRACE STURTEVANT (Bliss) Dark, burning brown red; a color that carries surprisingly well; late; medium height.....	.25

MAKE YOUR OWN COLLECTIONS

Any fifteen 3 for 25c varieties (15 plants).....	\$1.00
Any ten 15c varieties.....	1.00
Any six 25c varieties.....	1.00
Any six 35c varieties.....	1.50
Any six 50c varieties.....	2.25

GRAND MONARCH (Row) Velvety bronze red illumined with gold at the throat; large flower with broad standards and falls; late; tall...3 for	.25
GRAYMIST (Grinter) Smoothly finished gray blend with a deep orange beard; early; medium height.....3 for	.25
GREAT LAKES (Cousins) One of the finest new light blues; stiff in petal texture; widely branched stem; a beautiful color and a beautiful flower; midseason; tall.....	2.50
GRETCHEN (H. P. Sass) Flesh colored standards and rose falls; charming and pert; midseason; medium height.....3 for	.25
GRINTER AMOENA (Grinter) Large, soft gray standards and velvety red falls edged gray; midseason; tall.....	.25
GUDRUN (Dykes) Pure white of great size and heavy substance enlivened by a faint gold iridescence; very hardy and free blooming; midseason; medium height.....	.25
HAPPY DAYS (Mit) Immense, clear, glistening yellow; beautifully branched; midseason; tall.....	.25
HEARTHSTONE COPPER (Doub) Bright and crisp yellow and red variegata; small but shining; midseason; short.....3 for	.25

July 11, 1940

"Is it usual for Realm to have many blooms on one stalk? I had six in bloom at one time and nine on the one stalk."

Miss L. W., South Portland, Maine.

July 18, 1940

"The iris arrived in splendid shape and I was thrilled by the extras."

Mrs. J. R. C., Dallas, Texas.

MERRIAM, KANSAS

HELIOS (Cay) Large flowered lemon yellow; wonderful form; midseason; tall .....	.25
HENRI RIVIERE (Mil) Very large flowered variegata S. yellow; F. mauve widely bordered yellow; a popular selection both in the garden and on the exhibition table; midseason; tall.....3 for	.25
HERNANI (Cay) One of the reddest reds; bright, translucent, brickish red; midseason; medium height.....	.15
IMPERATOR (Cay) Red purple self; later and larger than Seminole which it resembles in color; midseason; tall.....3 for	.25

DISCOUNTS

All Collections Are Net

- 10% discount on all other orders received and paid for by June 20.
- 10% discount on all other orders of \$ 20.00 or more.
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- 25% discount on all other orders of \$100.00 or more.

IMPERIAL BLUSH (H. P. Sass) Huge, pale lavender pink of good substance; very well branched for a pink; midseason; tall.....	.25
INDIAN CHIEF (Ayres) Large flowered, translucent red bicolor; the most popular variety in the garden; early; tall.....3 for	.25
IRMA POLLOCK (H. P. Sass) Dark, ruby red bicolor; large flowers; midseason; medium height.....	.15
JACQUELINE GUILLOT (Cay) Lustrous, silvery blue; large flowers; midseason; medium height.....3 for	.25
JASMANIA (Ayres) One of the best and most dependable of the new yellows; rich banana yellow with a bright orange beard; midseason; tall .....	.50
JEAN CAYEUX (Cay) Gleaming blend of buff and Havana brown; the flowers are well placed and the substance firmer than that of the other yellowish blends; Dykes medal; midseason; tall.....	.25
JOYCETTE (J. Sass) Very large flowered, bright red; an instant success; midseason; tall .....	.25

September 12, 1940

"The iris I got from you this July are growing nicely. Do hope they will bloom next year. Don't forget to send me a new 1941 book. I want to buy more next year."

Mrs. M. S., Indianapolis, Ind.

September 3, 1940

"The plants arrived in splendid condition. We are so delighted with them. In fact different ones here have had orders from various places but I believe yours are the finest."

Miss J. L. J., Watkinsville, Ga.

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JUBILEE (J. Sass) Cream ground, dotted and sanded a light brown; mid-season; short.....	3 for	.25
JUNALUSKA (Kirk) Bright coppery red bicolor; runner-up for the 1938 Dykes medal; midseason; tall.....		.90
JUNE BRIDE (Grinter) Charming, free flowering white; very hardy and a fast grower; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
KANSAS (Tim) Ruffled mauve pink of Alcazar form; late; tall.....	3 for	.25
KING JUBA (H. P. Sass) Large flowered gold and maroon variegata; lovely with Numa Roumestan which is near the color of King Juba's falls; late; tall.....		.15
KING TUT (H. P. Sass) Brilliant brownish red; the originator says that this is his most important iris because of its usefulness in hybridizing; late; medium height.....		.15
LANCASTER (P. Cook) Warm old rose; large flowered and medium branched; although Mr. Cook has been bybridizing for years, this is his third introduction only; midseason; medium height.....		25.00
LA NEIGE (Verd) Waxy white; small perky flower on a short stem; fine with Tom Tit; late.....	3 for	.25
LARGO (Ashley) S. Canary yellow; F. mauve deeply bordered yellow; rampant grower and bloomer; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
LE CORREGE (Vilm) An earlier Ambassadeur in cleaner, more brilliant colors; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
LEGEND (Ware) A greatly improved Cardinal; better flower and better branching; midseason; tall.....		.25
LE VARDAR (Cay) An Aphrodite pink of the type of Pink Satin, that is always in high favor; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
LIGHTHOUSE (Salb) Clear rose bicolor with a blazing yellow center; large, well rounded flowers; late; medium height.....		2.50

July 22, 1940

"Last September I received your catalog and ordered your Dollar Collection of irises including Frieda Mohr. I had the bed well prepared and put all in the same bed. This spring it was the most beautiful bed of irises I ever saw. All my neighbors came to see them. Now I am sending another dollar for the same collection from the 1940 catalog. I expect to order some better ones one of these days."

Mrs. R. C. G., Springfield, Va.

July 22, 1940

"Just received your iris and must say they are the biggest and best roots I believe I ever saw. Thank you for the extras, too."

W. S., Wichita, Kansas.

September 27, 1940

"I received the iris yesterday. They are the nicest I have ever got from any place."

Mrs. G. J., Liberal, Mo.

MERRIAM, KANSAS

LONA (J. Sass) Rose dots heavily sanding a cream ground; midseason; short -----	3 for	.25
LORD OF JUNE (Yeld) Large, chicory blue and lavender bicolor that always commands attention; midseason; tall -----	3 for	.25
LOS ANGELES (M-M) Large white, faintly marked blue; hardier than San Francisco; early; tall -----		.25
LOUDOUN (Fen) Creamy yellow dotted chestnut; midseason; medium height -----	3 for	.25
LOUIS BEL (Den) Very early; very black purple; short -----		.15
MAGENTA (Cay) Glowing amethyst; a landscape color in a large, well formed flower; midseason; medium height -----		.15
MARQUITA (Cay) Ivory; the falls so thickly veined red that the red appears solid to the ivory margin; enormous in size and a stunner but not so easy to grow; midseason -----		.50
MARTIE EVEREST (Kirk) Fall bloomer of clear light blue; very early ----		.15
MARY ELIZABETH (Kirk) Very decorative large flowered red; late; tall --		.15
MARY GEDDES (Wash) Blend of salmon and Pompeian red that gives an unusual and pleasing effect; Dykes medal; midseason; medium height -----		.25
MATHILDA (J. Sass) Crisp white heavily dotted bright blue; like starched percale; midseason; short -----		.15
MATTERHORN (J. Sass) One of the finest pure whites yet introduced; sparkling sheen; heavy substance; broad, flaring falls; wide branches; midseason; tall -----		7.50
MATULA (H. P. Sass) A luscious blend; standards are rosy tan and apricot rose; falls, velvety rose; late; tall -----		7.50
MAY DAY (D. Hall) Copper apricot blend that leads its color class; a valuable parent; deeply branched stems and a long flower; mid-season; tall -----		12.50
MAYGOLD (Nic) Light canary yellow; well rounded and neat; early; short -----	3 for	.25

May 18, 1940

"Three or four years ago we purchased some dandy iris from your gardens and would like to have your latest list."

L. D. F., Council Grove, Kansas.

September 16, 1940

"Earlier this season I ordered some iris from you, with which I was so well pleased that I have asked my iris club to place an order with you."

Mrs. J. H. T., Grenada, Miss.

LANDSCAPE COLLECTIONS

25 Of Any One Variety	\$1.00
100 In Any Four Varieties	\$3.50
10 Each of Ten Varieties	\$3.50

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The varieties are: Acacia Rose, Acheron, Alabaster, Alcazar, Allan Hoyt, Ambassadeur, Andrew Jackson, Anna Farr, Apache, Argynnis, Bellisaire, Bluet, Brandywine, B. Y. Morrison, Caroline E. Stringer, Cecile Minturn, Challenger, Citronella, Claret Gem, Claude Monet, Colias, Corrida, Dolly Madison, Dr. C. H. Mayo, Duke of Bedford, Elsinore, Eventide, Fairy, Folkwang, Gaviota, Georgia, George J. Tribolet, Gleam o'Gold, Glowing Embers, Gretchen, Grizette, His Eminence, Iduna, Isoline, Jacquesiana, Jubilee, June Bride, Juniata, Kalos, Kansas, La Neige, Le Correge, Lohengrin, Lona, Loreley, Mary Orth, Maygold, May Sadler, Mentor, Midwest, Mildred Presby, Mons. Arnal, Moonlight, Morning Splendor, Mother of Pearl, Mount Penn, Mrs. Iltus, Mrs. Neubronner, Mrs. Tinley, Ochracea, Odaroloc, Odoratissima, Old Gold, Omaha, Opaline, Ophelia, Parc de Neuilly, Pioneer, Pocahontas, Potentate, Prairie Gold, Primavera, Prospero, Queen Caterina, Queen of May, Quevira, Realm, Rhea, Rhein Nixe, Robert Wallace, Roseway, Shekinah, Skitchwang, Snowbound, Soledad, Sunbeam, Susan Bliss, Taj Mahal, Tenebrae, Trostringer, Van Cleve, Vesper Gold, White Queen, Yolande, Zada, Zwabenberg.

After July 15th, please suggest acceptable substitutes.

The above varieties are three plants for 25c or any fifteen for \$1.00.

MEDRANO (Vilm) Deep smoky red; wild grape fragrance; late; short 3 for	.25
MICHELLINE CHAIRRAIRE (Den) Large, pure white with deep gold beard; broad standards; needs protection here; early; tall-----	.15
MIDGARD (H. P. Sass) Pastel pink and yellow blend; a great favorite with garden visitors; finest in our hot sun but a wonderful variety anywhere; midseason; medium height-----	3 for .25
MIDWEST (H. P. Sass) Heavy rose markings on frilled white; midseason; short -----	3 for .25
MIDWEST GEM (H. P. Sass) Lovely, ruffled, pale buffy pink blend; midseason; medium height-----	1.25

July 22, 1940

"The iris which we received from you last year have done very well and we were much pleased with them."

Cherry Hill Nurseries, West Newbury, Mass.

June 13, 1941

"Showed seven of our iris at the Garden club meeting and show in connection. There were many ohs and ahs when we took the first five prizes. Enclosed please find order for a friend of mine."

C. J. G., Racine, Wis.

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MILDRED PRESBY (Farr) S. Ivory white; F. pansy purple; still one of the finest amoenas; midseason; medium height.....	3 for	.25
MING YELLOW (Glutz) Called "the yellow without a fault"; pure, deep yellow of Depute Nomblot form; midseason; tall.....		4.50
MISS CALIFORNIA (Salb) Distinctive lilac pink self of perfect form and substance; midseason; tall.....		1.50
MISSOURI (Grinter) Large flowered medium blue of a brilliant, "live" tone; heavy substance; deeply branched; fragrant; Dykes medal; midseason; tall .....		.90
MOA (Bliss) Arching standards and flaring falls of deep violet purple; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
MOHRSON (White) Rounded blooms of purple veined and shadowed a deeper purple; an offspring of William Mohr but a much better doer; midseason; short .....		.50
MOONGLO (Wmsn) Soft yellow and violet blend; heavy substance; midseason; medium height.....		.50
MORNING GLORY (Kirk) Intense and velvety reddish purple; makes a magnificently well balanced stalk; midseason; tall.....		.15
MORNING SPLENDOR (Shull) Dark, glowing claret red; one of the finest varieties at any price; late; tall.....	3 for	.25
MOROCCO ROSE (Loomis) Large, dark pink blended bicolor with a soft yellow flush at the haft; garden effect is rich and bright, perhaps the pinkest of any iris; midseason; tall.....		1.25
MOTHER OF PEARL (Sturt) Famous grayish lavender; midseason; tall	3 for	.25
MOUNT ROYAL (Morgan) Deep purple; very fragrant; early; medium height	3 for	.25
MRS. EDWARD HARDING (Per) Tall, showy purple of fine landscape effect; early; tall.....	3 for	.25
MRS. VALERIE WEST (Bliss) Bronze red velvet and velvety maroon; large flowers and very floriferous; midseason; medium height.....		.15
MUSSOLINI (Dykes) Huge, vivid blue purple; English silver medal winner; midseason; medium height.....		.35

July 22, 1940

"Received the iris roots in good condition as usual and thank you very much for the extras. You are most generous.

"I enjoy the iris I have bought from you so much. I was telling a friend about you and your beautiful varieties of iris. She is a member of the Gloucester Garden Club and has a lovely garden. She would appreciate a catalog."

Mrs. H. H. N., Melrose, Mass.

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NARANJA (Mit) Distinct orange overcast on a yellow ground; a sensational color for a first class iris of good size and substance; runner-up for the Dykes medal 1939; midseason; tall.....	.35
NELSON OF HILLY (White) An oncobred; pink with the falls dotted brownish purple; midseason; short.....	2.00
NENE (Cay) Vinous red in a nine-inch flower; midseason; tall.....	.25
NINGAL (Ayres) Bronzy buff, the falls underlaid with blue and a blue midrib; midseason; tall.....3 for	.25
NOWETA (H. P. Sass) A larger, pinker Midgard; one of the loveliest; midseason; medium height.....	.15
NUMA ROUMESTAN (Cay) Dark, strawberry red; late; tall.....	.15
OCTOBER OPERA (H. P. Sass) Rich, wine red fall bloomer; spring bloom early; short .....	.15
ODORATISSIMA (Jac) The most fragrant iris; this is the ruffled blue grown in profusion at the Vatican; midseason; tall.....3 for	.25
OLD GOLD (H. P. Sass) Blend of amber, rose and yellow of which yellow is the prevailing color; midseason; short.....3 for	.25
OLIVE WHITE (H. P. Sass) Creamy white with green gold veinings; fall bloom often pale yellow; spring bloom very early; short.....3 for	.25
OMAHA (H. P. Sass) Deep pink or light red; fine with brown reds; never a free bloomer for me, though; midseason; medium height.....3 for	.25
OPALINE (Wmsn) Strong growing pinkish lavender blend; midseason; tall .....	.25
ORMOHR (Klein) Even larger flowered than its parent, William Mohr; uniform gray lavender with veins and dots of violet; midseason; medium height	2.00
OZONE (J. Sass) Gray and bluish violet blend; midseason; tall.....	.90
PEACHES (H. P. Sass) Showy blend of peach, yellow and red; a few shades lighter than Clara Noyes; midseason; medium height...3 for	.25
PERSIA (Ayres) The standards are smoke with bluish shadows; the falls purple paling at the edges; large flowers beautifully poised on deep branched stems; midseason; tall.....	.25
PHEBUS (Cay) Lemon yellow with bright orange beard; large petals nicely rounded give it distinction among the large flowered pale yellows; midseason; medium height.....3 for	.25

August 8, 1941

"I didn't get to plant my iris until today and was surely surprised to find such a generous gift of fifteen extra.

"For the past three years now I have ninety-two plants of thirty-eight varieties and I'm surely proud of them."

PINK OPAL (J. Sass) The famous 28-12, sister seedling of Pink Satin; not so pink or so well branched but larger in size and of better substance than Pink Satin; the best liked of any of the "pink selfs"; mid-season; tall ----- .15

HOW TO GROW IRISES

These notes are the fruit of trials and errors in the middle west. If your climate and soil differ from mine, you should adjust my suggestions to your conditions.

★ **Soil and Situation**—A neutral or natural limestone soil is best but a slightly acid soil may be treated with ground limestone. Never use lime unless your soil is definitely acid, as lime does more harm than good in neutral soil. Sun or part shade are recommended, with part shade being the choice location in regions in which the sun is very hot during the blooming time.

★ **Planting**—Plant with the rhizome well covered with earth; about a half inch pressed down firmly is best. Water well but infrequently if the weather is hot and dry. (I never water new plantings because I haven't the water.) After the roots are well down, keep the hoe shiney and the surface of the soil dusty.

PINK SATIN (J. Sass) Light pink self of truest color and satiny sheen; the best branching of any pink; early to midseason; tall----- .15

PIUTE (Thomas) Appears to be a true red without any blue in it; mid-season; tall ----- 1.50

PLUIE D'OR (Cay) Golden yellow with flowers of good size; a two-year-old planting is a marvel; Dykes medal; midseason; tall----- .15

POLICHENELLE (Cay) Buff standards with blue shadows; the falls purple with a reddish glow; comes to its best in cloudy weather; mid-season; tall ----- .15

PRAIRIE GOLD (H. P. Sass) Brilliant, almost brassy yellow; glistens like buttercups; midseason; short-----3 for .25

PRESIDENT PILKINGTON (Cay) Large flowered buff and lavender blend; a taller, larger, darker Dolly Madison; midseason; tall----- .15

August 12, 1940

"Iris shipment received in perfect condition. I am so well pleased with the fine healthy rhizomes. Thanks so much for the gift rhizomes; they are a delightful addition to my small collection. Your shipment was shown to some members of the Iris Society and they were pleased with your specimens."

Mrs. O. B. B., Shreveport, La.

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PRIMAVERA (Mohr) Large flowered primrose yellow; very fragrant; very early; medium height.....	3 for	.25
PRINCESS BEATRICE (Barr) Silvery lavender falls with the characteristic pucker at the tips of the falls; very fragrant; early; medium height	3 for	.25
QUEEN CATERINA (Sturt) Pale frosted lavender; water-lily scent; mid-season; tall.....	3 for	.25
QUIVERA (J. Sass) Reddish orange blend with orange sheen; midseason; short	3 for	.25
RADIANT (Salb) Very glowing and intense color; golden bronze standards and velvety, brick red falls; midseason; medium height.....		2.50
RAMESES (H. P. Sass) Standards pinkish buff and falls turmaline pink; rampant grower; Dykes medal; midseason; tall.....		.15
REALM (Baker) Massive light blue self; vigorous and hardy; lovely with Pluie D'Or; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
RED BONNET (Gage) Dark red; wide and flaring falls; midseason; medium height		2.50
RED CROSS (Klein) Rose, the falls striped with white; midseason; medium height.....		.50
RED DOMINION (Ayres) Blackish red self with frilled standards and flaring red falls.....		.15
RED RADIANCE (Grinter) Velvety red self; redder and brighter than Dauntless; midseason; medium height.....		.25
REVERIE (Sturt) Buffy red bicolor; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
RHEA (Wmsn) Happy blending of russet and rose; midseason; tall...3 for		.25
RHEINGAUPELLE (G & K) Dainty orchid pink with silvery sheen; mid-summer; short.....	3 for	.25
ROBERT (Ayres) Large flowered soft yellow blend with a bluish flush in the center of the falls; well branched; midseason; tall.....		.35
ROBERT WALLACE (Per) Very dark royal purple with a satiny sheen; medium in flower and height.....	3 for	.25
ROMOLA (Bliss) Harmonious combination of rosy lilac and deep burgandy; the most graceful of the Dominions; late; tall.....	3 for	.25

August 24, 1940

"Will you please send me your wholesale list. The iris I purchase from you in the fall I dislike to sell the next spring as I like to note their habits and growth, but my customers insisted that I let them have most of them. I can't say that I wonder at it as they were such splendid plants for such a few months in the ground. I would like to replace these and buy some new ones."

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ROSE DOMINION (Con) Rose bicolor with bright gold beard; Dominion form; midseason; medium height.....	.15
ROSY WINGS (Gage) Soft, but clear, light brownish red; a free bloomer and grower; Dykes medal; midsummer; tall.....	.50
SABLE (P. Cook) Deep claret black; perhaps the finest of the new very dark varieties; full, well rounded petals; glossy and dark; midseason; tall	4.50

HOW TO GROW IRISES

- ★ **Fertilizers**—Superphosphate and wood ashes are the best inorganic fertilizers for irises. If the soil lacks humus, well rotted manure, peat moss or tobacco stems are helpful.
- ★ **Leaf Spot**—Very little is known about leaf spot except that, while it is unsightly, it does little or no injury to the plants. Removing and burning all old foliage helps control it.
- ★ **Root Rot**—Cut out the soft tissue and dust with coppercarbonate.
- ★ **Borer**—A dust spray of one part Dutox and four parts cheap flour applied spring and fall, and frequent transplantings will eliminate borer and prevent reinfection from your neighbor.

SACHEM (Loomis) Velvety red and tan bicolor; vigorous; midseason; tall	3 for .25
SACRAMENTO (M-M) Reddish purple plicata edge to a crystal white flower; large and tall; midseason.....	.25
SAN FRANCISCO (M-M) Huge white with edges pencilled heavily with lavender; Dykes medal; needs protection here; midseason; tall.....	.15
SAN GABRIEL (Dean) Lustrous lavender; perfect for the south or west coast; an aggravation here; early; tall.....	3 for .25
SANTA BARBARA (M-M) One of the favorites; light violet blue of large size and heavy substance; midseason; tall.....	3 for .25

January 27, 1941

"I received my iris last summer in fine shape and they were such nice plants that I am looking forward to some nice blooms. I now have 128 named varieties but still I want more so please send me your iris catalog as soon as it is out, and thank you."

Mrs. V. Z., Lincoln, Neb.

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SANTA CLARA (Mit) Best of the medium blues for garden use and this means that it surpasses Sierra Blue and Missouri (both Dykes medal winners) as a garden blue; midseason; tall-----	.25
SELENE (Con) Huge flowered, silvered white; very fragrant; early; tall -----	3 for .25
SEMINOLE (Farr) Very popular vivid red, purple; the bright orange beard makes it look redder still; midseason; short-----	3 for .25
SENSATION (Cay) Clear cornflower blue of unsurpassed substance and great refinement; late; tall-----	.15
SHAH JEHAN (Neel) Standards are buff edged lavender; the falls are purple ranging from a brownish tinge at the haft to a lavender edge; late; tall-----	.25
SHINING WATERS (Essig) Clear, light blue of waxy texture; well branched; tender; midseason; tall-----	.35
SHIRVAN (Loomis) Brilliant brownish bicolor; the standards are yellow brown and the falls red brown; midseason; medium height-----	.15
SIEGFRIED (H. P. Sass) Very large yellowish plicata; a creamy yellow ground dotted brown; good branching; midseason; tall-----	2.50
SIERRA BLUE (Essig) Soft, medium blue of waxy finish; Dykes medal; midseason; very tall-----	.25
SINGING CANARY (Kin) Bright canary yellow with a few brown feathers in his wings; midseason; tall-----	3 for .25
SIR KNIGHT (Ashley) Enormous dark purple bicolor of sturdy substance and good placement; midseason; tall-----	.35
SIR MICHAEL (Yeld) S. lavender blue; F. purple suffused red; a showy golden beard lights up this attractive combination; midseason; tall	.15
SKITCHWAUG (Chase) Brilliant dark pink blend that holds its color well at a distance; midseason; medium height-----	3 for .25
SNOQUALMIE (Brehn) Smooth cream of leathery substance; well branched; midseason; medium height-----	3.50
SNOWBOUND (Row) Brown markings against sprakling white; early; medium height-----	3 for .25
SNOWKING (H. P. Sass) Pure, unmarred white of faultless form and habit; runner-up for the 1939 Dykes medal; midseason; tall-----	.90
SOLFERINO (Cay) Deep lilac rose; often as many as seventeen buds and blooms on the long stem; early; very tall-----	3 for .25

October 14, 1940

"Will you please send me thirty more iris. I didn't order quite enough to fill my bed.

"The ones you sent were fine and I certainly do appreciate the extra ones."

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SOUTHLAND (H. P. Sass) Light yellow fall bloomer of the highest quality; spring bloom very early; short.....	.15
SOUV. DE LOETITIA MICHAUD (Mil) Exquisite, large flowered, light blue; sometimes difficult to bloom in this climate; midseason; tall---	.15
SOUV. DE MME. GAUDICHAU (Mil) Dark violet of fine form; plant in part shade here as it sun fades; early; tall.....3 for	.25
SPRINGMAID (Loomis) Pink and yellow blend of large size and excellent form; midseason; tall.....	.15
SPRING PROM (D. Hall) Ruffled standards and slightly flaring falls make chic this pale primrose yellow with bright orange beard; midseason; tall	3.50
SPUN GOLD (Glutz) Shining golden yellow with velvety golden falls; the most sensational introduction of the past season; midseason; tall----	25.00
ST. LOUIS (Wiesner) Deep lustrous violet; vigorous grower; deeply branched; midseason; tall.....	.25
SUNBURST (Mit) A rich orange yellow in a very large flower; tall and well branched; midseason.....	.35
SUNMIST (Nic) Creamy white glistening and shimmering with gold; midseason; medium height.....	.25
SUSAN BLISS (Bliss) Rose pink of great charm; free blooming and rapid growing; late; tall.....3 for	.25
THE BLACK DOUGLAS (J. Sass) Very rich, deep pansy violet; large flowered and free blooming; midseason; medium height.....	.25
THEODOLINDA (Ayres) Gigantic flowered, hardy blue and white plicata; midseason; medium height.....	.35
THE RED DOUGLAS (J. Sass) Rosy wine red of colossal size and plush like substance; one of the best and most favorably known of recent introductions; midseason; tall.....	1.75
THURATUS (H. P. Sass) Deepest purple; large flowers with very long falls; midseason; tall.....3 for	.25
TOM TIT (Bliss) Small and gay; deep violet self of waxy texture; a perfect companion for La Neige; late; short.....3 for	.25
TRAIL'S END (Wmsn) Bittersweet in effect, caused by a blending of buffy yellow and tawny pink; midseason; tall.....	.15
TROSTRINGER (H. P. Sass) Loveliest of the pale pinks; midseason; medium height.....3 for	.25

July 15, 1940

"The iris I ordered from you last year have grown nicely. However we had a bad iris season this year and very few of the early varieties bloomed. The Wasatch that you so kindly gave me is beautiful and I appreciate it very much."

Mrs. O. C. B., Asheville, N. C.

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TRUE CHARM (Sturt) White and lavender plicata notable for the neat, well formed flowers; late; tall.....	3 for	.25
VALOR (Nic) Bluish purple bicolor with very broad falls; fragrant; mid-season; very tall.....		.25
VARESE (Wmsn) Most brilliant red purple; midseason; tall.....		.35
VENUS DI MILO (Ayres) Cream white of splendid substance and fine form; hardy and free blooming; runner-up for 1937 Dykes medal; midseason; medium height.....		.15
VIOLET CROWN (Kirk) Pale violet of waxy texture and firm rounded shape; midseason; tall.....		.25
WABASH (Wmsn) A very fine white and violet amoena; definite and crisp as to coloring; large as to flower; Dykes medal 1940; medium height; midseason		1.50
WACONDA (H. P. Sass) Rich, reddish purple; a good grower and bloomer; medium height; midseason.....	3 for	.25
WAMBLISKA (J. Sass) Large flowered white with a blue flush in the center giving "the iridescent effect of frosted icicles"; early to mid-season; tall.....	3 for	.25
WASATCH (Thorup) Largest plicata and perfectly hardy; medium blue markings on a ground of glistening white; midseason; medium height .....		.50
WEDGWOOD (Dykes) Nearly Wedgwood blue with a white beard; wonderful color but fragile substance; midseason; medium height...3 for		.25
WILLIAM MOHR (M-M) Gigantic flowered lilac deeply veined purple; a pogocyclus hybrid, the rhizomes are small; early; short.....		.25
WINNISHIEK (Egel) Very dark and very purple with a pearly edge to the ruffled falls; midseason; tall.....		.25
WONDERCHILD (Weed) Huge, deep purple flowers; midseason; tall 3 for		.25
WOTAN (Grinter) Deep, dark purple self with velvety falls of the smoothest finish; heavy substance and very wide falls; midseason; medium height.....		.25
YOLANDE (Mil) Bright blue in a huge flower; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
ZADA (Emig) Free flowering, pure white; midseason; medium height	3 for	.25
ZWANENBERG (Den) Like something brought in from the woods or a rare orchid; greenish slate standards and pale greenish maroon falls; very early; short.....	3 for	.25

April 15, 1940

"I have some nice ones blooming from iris roots bought from you last October."

V. M., Goodbee, La.

THE IRIS GARDEN, MERRIAM, KANSAS

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SUBSTITUTIONS—No substitutions are made unless requested by the customer. If a variety is sold out your money is refunded immediately. No requested substitutions can be made in collections.

TERMS—Cash with order or C. O. D. with a 25% deposit. Kansas customers will please add a 2% sales tax. No order accepted less than \$1.00. Postage and express prepaid on all orders.

DISCOUNT—A 10% discount will be allowed on all orders, except collections, received and paid for before June 20th.

SHIPPING DATES—Shipping will begin June 25th and will continue until late autumn.

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